question, he may conceal thereof as much as he thmketh good For example One demanding of *you* whether, if the Pope should come in warlike manner to invade this land bv force of arms, you would take his part or the Queen's , yoa framing this answer in your mind, * we will take the Queen's part, if the Pope will command us so to do,[5] may by their doctrine give this answer lawfully, *viz* ' we will take the Queen's part'—and conceal the rest, whereby he that asked the question is plainly deluded

A MERRT JEST CONCERNING PARSONS

In the year 1597 Parsons went out of Spain to Rome At his coming thither he was visited in his lodgings by two Cardinals which gave present speeches in the City that out of doubt Fr Parsons should be made a Cardinal At which time Parsons being counselled by the physicians to keep his stomach warm, sent to his brother for scarlet to make him a stomacher , who, as soon as he heard the name of scarlet, was so possessed with an opinion of his brother's advancement that he procured two merchants to carry in a wagon divers pieces of scarlet to his brother's lodging for the making of his cardinal's robes. Parsons, finding his brother's error, was in a great chafe, and thereupon in all haste dismissed the merchants with their scarlet at a back door as secretly as he could Howbeit the thing was so notorious that it could not be concealed, and caused indeed very many to jest and laugh at him One (a man little favoured by this good Father) went in merriment to his lodging to congratulate his new advancement But when the Father knew the purpose of his coming [6] Yes,' quoth he, [c] doth he know it ? It will be then in England within this fortnight'

To-day Mr Henry Doyley, a barrister of Lincoln's Inn, made a motion saying, * Mr Speaker, I think myself bound in conscience to certify you of an infamous hbel that is newly printed and spread abroad since the beginning of this Parliament Saving your presence, Mr Speaker, it is called *An assembly of Fools'* The House wondered much at this motion and there was great murmuring At last the Speaker asked him where the book was and where he saw it He answered in the hands of one Mr. Henry Davies his clerk, but the clerk's name he knew not